

**From:** Mike Rice  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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**Subject:** re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir,

The point of the anti-trust decision against Microsoft Corporation was, I hope, to reduce their effective capacity to act as a monopoly.

Unfortunately, allowing Microsoft to propogate their software into the classrooms of America will only increase their market share.

If the software forced onto school computers is the Microsoft product, this is like ramming a state-sponsored religion into the throats of every American child in the manner of a "captive audience".

Please consider forcing Microsoft to contribute only hardware and not software to the schools, perhaps taking into account the advice by Rob Young of RedHat.

Already schools have a fair mix of Microsoft and Apple software, allowing a third software opinion into the schools can only increase the minds of our kids.

Thanks for your consideration.  
Mike Rice

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